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The Goods' Shed is the best market in Britain according to the judges at the prestigious Food andarming awards. Stocking local fish, game and cheeses, find out why this is no ordinary place to shop. Full story on page 2.

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

A "SECRET" report on a planned football hub in Canterbury has been causing controversy at the Guildhall.

Councillor Nick Eden-Green claims consultants were paid £67,000 to write a report on the plans, which was finished in September.

Plans for the football hub were due to be sent to public consultation in the autumn.

The councillor says he has since been trying to meet the consultants and has asked repeatedly to see the report, but has not been allowed.

He further alleges that he has been told the report concludes that the most appropriate site for the football hub is Ridlands Farm on South Canterbury Road, near the hospital.

But Councillor Eden-Green said this was the only site suggested by the council.

And waiting to hear whether they will have to have sports pitches rather than farmland behind their homes is distressing residents.

Councillor Eden-Green said: "What we have is a report that remains secret for months, that has cost thousands and then merely reaches conclusions that the council requested.

"The consultants have not spoken to a single local resident or a single local councillor; in other words they have consulted nobody. Meanwhile the University of Kent has opened a new £2.7m football facility to the public.

"Just how many expensive football facilities do we need when we cannot keep the loos and museums open?"

David Ford, assistant head of culture and communications, said: "Consultant work has

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CHOICE: Supply and demand helps to keep a range of produce available at the Goods Shed

Still coming up with the goods

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

EIGHT years after opening, The Goods Shed in Canterbury has won a prestigious BBC food and farming award – but what makes it so special?

With famed playwright David Hare commissioning pink grapefruit marmalade from stallholder Patrick Williams, a Master of Wine in the building, and local pheasant and Dover sole on sale, it seems surprising the place hasn't had more recognition.

Before owner Susanna Sait bought the building in Station Road West, it was earmarked for demolition. But now the place is thriving and in November it won the BBC's national best food market award.

Mrs Sait said: "It's been a really nice, steady climb. The guys who gave us the award said what really makes it interesting is that we let the traders get on with it."

"We let economics dictate a bit and let the customer decide what stays and what goes, rather than supplement and subsidise things. It's full of eclectic characters, like a little community."

The market houses Simon's fish

counter, which sells fish from boats based around the Kent coast.

Next to that is the butchers, which sells everything from local bacon to wild rabbits and trotters, and further on is Murray's General Stores which stocks dry goods, milk, hams and ales.

Nearby is Enzo's bakery with cooks from Naples and a Master of Wine, of which there are only a few hundred in the world, selling his goods. There is also a sandwich counter which uses local bread, a cured meat stall, Tom's cheese stall which sells unpasteurised cheese such as the local Ashmore Ancient, and a vegetable cooperative which represents several local farms.

There is also Patrick's kitchen, which was nominated for the best takeaway award. He believes in good food well made, and old-fashioned, personal service. He creates such delicacies as poached pear and walnut brownies; and chicken, mushroom room and tarragon pie.

But the owner will not let The Goods Shed rest on its laurels. She has plans for selling raw milk by the gallon, creating an orchard around the building and having butter-making days.

Mrs Sait said: "If you want to keep choice alive you have to vote with your pocket. This is really just to give people choice beyond supermarkets."

Football scheme 'will have to finance itself'

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involved a re-assessment of site options; given the sensitivity of this particular issue 20 potential sites have been analysed.

"Consideration has also been given to the potential mix of facilities to be provided and an analysis of the financial implications.

"The final scheme will, at the very least, need to be self-financing. It is this element the consultant is currently working through.

"Public consultation will take place in advance of any decision.

"It is important we are consulting on an option that is deliverable."

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Help officers identify seafront sex attacker

A SERIOUS sexual assault on a teenage girl on Herne Bay seafront has prompted a police appeal for witnesses.

The teenager, who had been out for New Year's Eve, was assaulted by a man in a bus shelter in the King's Hall area at about 10.30pm.

He is white, in his late 20s, slim and with blond hair and blue eyes. He was wearing a black and blue striped short-sleeved top.

Det Insp Trevor Fleming said: "I am appealing to anyone who was in the area, particularly between 9.30pm and 11pm."

Contact officers on 01303 289600, or call the free and confidential Crimestoppers line on 0800 555111.

Arson suspected after bungalow is wrecked

ARSONISTS are thought to be responsible for a fire at a bungalow in Littlebourne on Sunday.

Three fire engines were called to the empty house in Stodmarsh Road at 11.40pm. Police closed the road while firefighters tackled the blaze, which had spread from the ground floor to the roof space.

By the time the flames were out just before 2pm, more than half the building had been destroyed.

Crime scene investigators have been to the scene.

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Dented pride as city's gay bar shuts down

Residents' objections and lack of support to blame, say activists

THE imminent closure of a gay bar has led to renewed criticism from Pride in Canterbury that the city is "not gay enough".

CO2, on the corner of King Street and St Alphege Lane, will close as soon as the owners can sell the lease.

The bar has been plagued with planning objections and complaints from an association of local homeowners since before it opened and one of the bar's owners blames this and a lack of community support for the bar's closure.

Darren Bister, co-owner of the pub, said: "We are closing because it is just not very successful at the moment. It is a waste of time, a waste of our work and a waste of money. We've not had the support from the community we thought we'd get, so it's time to shut the doors. We've had enough."

"Too much damage has been done here; it's a lost cause. We'll probably not be opening a bar in Canterbury again, although we'll be keeping our bars in other towns open."

Gay rights group Pride in Canterbury blamed council apathy for the venue's closure.

Andrew Brettel, on behalf of the group,

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

said: "Until the council sends out a clear message that it's all right for the gay community to be out and proud in the city, businesses and ventures that strive to serve and build up that community will find it difficult to succeed. The city's many homophobes must be celebrating."

But Mr Bister does not blame the city council and does not think the venue being gay was a factor.

He said: "Anything here would get complaints, no matter what venue it is. The locals don't want anything here full stop."

"I'm gutted, but there you go. We're the only gay bar, but people don't want us here, including the gay community who are not supporting us at all."

"We put a lot of work and money into making a place where people can feel comfortable and be themselves."

A council official said: "While it's sad when any business closes, as the licensing authority we have to be strictly impartial and cannot favour either the business or local residents. We have offered to work with the owners of CO2 to try and find alternative premises within the city."



SHUTTING DOWN: CO2's owners will close the city's only openly gay bar as soon as a buyer can be found for the lease

Pub till raider pays price of incompetence

AN INEPT thief took an empty till from a pub in Canterbury last Wednesday.

Police were called to the Canterbury Tales when a man was seen leaving the premises with a till under his arm.

The burglar was chased by officers after he was traced using CCTV.

Police caught up with the man on the Stour footpath where he attempted escape after throwing the till into the river.

A 19-year-old from Dover was arrested on suspicion of theft and is being questioned in custody. The till was recovered from the river.

Pipe down, please

NOISY burglars alerted police while trying to steal copper pipes from an empty house.

Banging could be heard from outside the home in Rowlands Drive, Herne Bay, and police found piping piled up in a room when they arrived just after 8pm on Monday, December 28.

The damage had caused water to leak into the house and the supply had to be turned off.

Two men arrested at the scene have been released on bail.

Mary's clean pair of heels give hospices a fine running total



THE Pilgrims Hospice has received a Christmas boost from a charitable runner.

Mary Watson, a 49-year-old who started running two years ago, raised nearly £650 for the charity after completing the Great Yorkshire Run and the Great South Run.

The nurse, who works at the Brabourne Care Centre in Ashford, completed the two races within two months.

Mrs Watson said: "I was always the last one to be picked for teams at school, so I am surprised at how much I have taken to running and how I found the races easier than expected."

"It gave me such a buzz to do this. I have enjoyed every second."

"In 2010 I will be doing the same runs again and in 2011 am hoping to get a place on the Great North Run."

Mrs Watson chose to complete the races for the Pilgrims Hospice because a friend's wife had been cared for in the Thanet home.

Mrs Watson ran the 10km Great Yorkshire run in one hour and nine minutes, with her daughter. She completed the 16km Great South Run in just under two hours, beating half the other 21,000 runners.

Susan Booth, head of fundraising and marketing at the hospices, said: "We are delighted Mary has raised so much money for us."

"More than 80p in every pound raised goes directly on patient care, so she will have made a great difference to patients and their families."

Anyone interested in completing a challenge to raise money for Pilgrims Hospices can visit the website www.pilgrimshospice.org.uk for fundraising ideas.

Unwelcome guest on Christmas Eve

A BURGLAR who took Christmas presents from a house in Herne Bay is being sought by police.

The crime was discovered when a concerned neighbour saw lights on at the home in Cliff Drive when the owner was visiting family for the night.

The front door had been smashed open. A box of presents, three silver and diamond watches, a gold wedding band and brass, silver and gold bracelets were missing.

Police want to trace a man who knocked on the door of a nearby house to ask directions at 6pm on Christmas Eve, the night the presents were stolen.

The man, who aroused neighbours' suspicious, is white, about 5ft 5in, of slim build and with short dark hair.

Anyone with any information can talk to officers on 01227 762055, or via the free and confidential Crimestoppers line on 0800 555111.

Marlowe floodlight thrown into Stour

A FLOODLIGHT used for the Marlowe Arena tent was pushed into the River Stour by vandals.

The nine-metre-high outdoor light, used to illuminate the pedestrian entrance to the temporary theatre at Kingsmead in Canterbury, was damaged and had to be sent back to the manufacturer.

A replacement was in use almost immediately. Police believe it was pushed over sometime after 11pm on Sunday, December 27, after it was switched off for the night, as the sandbags used to steady it were also in the river.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Canterbury police on 01227 762055.

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Eurostar 'needs to work to rebuild confidence'

A FORMER British Airways brand consultant says that Eurostar needs to work hard to regain the public's confidence after the train breakdowns in the cold weather.

Simon Middleton said: "All companies will, at one time or another, face a product crisis and let its customers down.

"The most important thing is how they respond. Eurostar's response was not good enough for the brand or its customers."

The chaos in the run-up to Christmas left more than 55,000 passengers stranded in France, England, Belgium and the Channel Tunnel itself.

Passenger have been asked to write to Eurostar's office in Ashford if they want to claim compensation. The address is: Traveller Care, 2nd Floor, Kent House, 81 Station Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AP or email Traveller.Care@eurostar.co.uk

How to stay warm and safe during cold weather

KENT Fire and Rescue Service is reminding people to take a few simple safety precautions to stay safe during the winter.

With temperatures remaining low, people often turn to open fires and other heat sources to stay warm but firefighters have the following advice to prevent a blaze:

If you plan on using an open fire, make sure your chimney has been recently swept as build-ups of soot and ash can cause chimney fires.

When going to bed, householders should also make doubly certain that an open fire is either out, or pushed back into the grate and a guard used to prevent sparks hitting carpets or furnishings.

Wildlife park can make use of Christmas waste

STAFF at a wildlife park have appealed for donations of Christmas waste for educational projects.

The Wildwood Trust, near Herne, is asking for old wrapping paper and cards for craft activities at its education centre.

Staff also want biscuit tins and clear plastic sweet boxes to use as storage for specimens and artefacts.

Education officer Laura Hester said: "We want people to donate what would normally get thrown away."

Call to blood donors as supplies run low

■ BY MARIJKE COX

VITAL blood supplies are at risk of falling drastically low – and the NHS is calling on our readers to roll up their sleeves and help restock essential provisions.

Health experts say the drop follows the severe weather which left many people unable to get to donation sessions.

Accidents caused by icy pavements and treacherous driving conditions also meant additional supplies were used across the UK to treat casualties in A&E.

The busy Christmas period was another factor blamed for the decrease in donors.

Claire Dolling, spokesperson from NHS Blood and Transplant, said the festive season always leads to a drop in donors, but this year the problem had been even worse.

"Because Christmas fell on a Friday this year, there were fewer blood donor sessions over the two-week period; six full days and two half days instead of the usual 10 full days," she said. "It's vital that people continue to give blood – especially at this time of year as stocks traditionally take a drop."

"Christmas can be a hectic time for many.



With all the preparations and anticipation for the festive season, giving blood can fall down the 'to do list'. We are urging your readers to think of others and give blood, as it really does save lives.

Blood stocks have to be constantly replenished, and we'd like to get more people regularly giving blood in the Kent area."

Donated blood – which is used in life-saving operations – cannot be stockpiled as the two components taken from it have short shelf lives.

Ms Dolling said: "Platelets – a clotting factor used to help treat leukaemia and cancer patients – last for just five days.

"Red cells last longer, at 35 days, and are often transfused to patients suffering from severe anaemia or severe blood loss.

"It's therefore vital that both regular and new donors come forward to give blood and ensure sufficient blood is available for patients."

Ruth Greenaway, from the National Blood Service, part of NHS Blood and Transplant, said although supplies in the county were not yet at rock bottom, the spell of severe weather had hit stocks.

"The bad weather kept people from getting to their donation sessions," she said.

"We can't stockpile blood. Red cells only have a shelf life of 35 days and platelets just a few days. People should make it their New Year's resolution to give blood – it's only once every 16 weeks."

Ms Dolling added: "Giving blood is one of most selfless acts you can do to help others."

"It takes less than an hour, is painless and you never know when you may need blood yourself."

"Appointments can be made so you're not kept waiting and many people fit it in on their way to or from work."

"If it's been on your to do list for ages and you haven't got around to it, then tick it off today."

To find out how to become a donor go to www.blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 23 23.

Fire crews rescue dog trapped for six days

A FIVE-hour rescue by firefighters got Lucky the dog out of a badger sett just in time for Christmas.

The 12-year-old Lakeland Patterdale cross had been stuck for six days before his dramatic rescue on Christmas Eve.

Lucky went missing on a walk in woodland near the William Harvey hospital in Ashford on Friday, December 18.

Owner Sue Williamson said: "We searched for two days, but had no joy. On the Wednesday we heard Lucky barking, but had to leave him until it got light when the firefighters arrived."

Alerted by the RSPCA, crews from the Ashford and Larkfield stations, and the

urban search and rescue team, used cameras and listening devices to find Lucky. Larkfield firemen cut down trees to make sure the area was safe and the crew from Ashford dug down to rescue the dog.

Larkfield station manager Colin King said: "It took about five hours but we're delighted at the successful outcome."

Lucky was taken to a vets with dehydration and a serious eye infection which needed an operation, but was home by Sunday.

Mrs Williamson said: "He has made a fantastic recovery, thanks to the firefighters."

"We can't get over how dedicated they all are and this has been a brilliant Christmas present for us."



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PROFESSIONAL: Firefighters lift off the roof of the car during the demonstration in Canterbury city centre

Playing victim of car accident an eye-opener

■ BY NICK AMES

JOURNALISTS often – probably too often – have to write about car crashes and the clichés come easily to the keyboard.

"Emergency services rushed to the scene" is one, then there is "cut from the wreckage", or "pulled to safety" before "condition is reported as comfortable/stable/critical" – which is usually the last readers hear of the victim.

A cold day in the centre of Canterbury gave me the chance to see what it is like – without the pain and grief – to be the person at the sharp end of a road accident.

The county's emergency services wanted someone to play the part of a driver stuck behind the wheel of a crashed car while they demonstrated to the public how rescues were carried out – as well as explaining the dangers of drink driving.

The road show, which involves firefighters and paramedics, has toured the county to drive home the safety message.

After a short briefing I was wedged into the car which had been placed in Rose Square by Whitefriars Shopping Centre and a crowd of several hundred gathered round.

One firefighter carried on a commentary as the team prepared. I was in the driver's seat and the exercise started.

A firefighter came to the window of the car and asked me how I was feeling. "Can you move at all?" he said. "Where is it hurting?"

I had been told to simulate spinal injuries so I said my back and shoulders – he told me not to nod my head and just to keep calm.

A crash helmet had been put on my head and a neck brace strapped to my torso. An oxygen mask was then put on me and a mock-up plasma bag strapped to my arm.

Another firefighter then came into the back seat. "You're in no danger," he reassured me. "I wouldn't be here if you were."

Just as I was getting used to it – and it wasn't really claustrophobic – a microphone appeared under the mask and I heard the question "How do you feel?"

"Err, well okay really, I know I'm in good hands. I don't feel in danger, I don't feel trapped or shut in, I'm just relying on people who obviously know their jobs."

A female Fire and Rescue Brigade mem-

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bers told me her job was to keep the victim calm by talking.

"The person is obviously in shock, but my job is to keep on reassuring them," she said.

The voice behind me then said: "They are starting to cut the roof off, but sit tight, you'll be okay."

An icy blast of wind assured me the car was well and truly cracked open, as the windscreen was also removed.

A stretcher was manoeuvred down the back of the seat and I was pulled on to it.

"One, two, three four pull," said a member of the emergency crew as I was pulled on to the stretcher, strapped up, and removed from the wreck.

The whole procedure was remarkably smooth, and I never felt that I was in a problem situation. I know it's not real and I wasn't hurt. I could hear, mostly, and see, a bit, everything that went on.

But I admired the way the crews, firefighters and paramedics, carried out their tasks.

It must be really grim when the victim has lost a limb or is close to death.

But the professionalism they showed and their ability to communicate and reassure me convinced me there are probably no finer people in the world to be forced to rely on when your life is at stake.

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Steam engine to rescue

STRANDED rail passengers were given a helping hand during the cold snap – by a steam locomotive.

As heavy snow brought much of Europe's rail network to a standstill, the Tornado steam train completed the route from London Victoria to Dover twice on Monday, December 20, carrying commuters left stranded by modern trains.

The Tornado, a Peppercorn Class A1 steam train, now operates excursion tours and took a group of enthusiasts almost 20 years to build.

It was unaffected by the icy weather and dropped passengers at various stations along the Network Rail main line before its arrival in Dover.

Mark Allatt, chairman of The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, said: "We delighted that she was able to brave the arctic weather to haul two of the few trains to run in Kent."

Actress Joanna 'national hero' for Gurkha campaign

ACTRESS Joanna Lumley has been named as one of the Heroes of 2009 by The Daily Telegraph.

The paper said she "became an established national treasure when she battled for recognition for the Gurkhas."

In salute an article stated "She has always held the regiment in deep esteem and affection – her father, Major James Lumley, served in Burma during the Second World War with the 3rd Battalion of the 6th Gurkha Rifles – and she was outraged to discover that Nepalese soldiers were denied the right to live in the UK."

"She became the figurehead for the Gurkha Justice Campaign, using her intellect and elegance to bully, belittle and badger the Government into a policy change."

"Her triumph has meant that those brave Nepalese soldiers who have fought for Britain across the globe, and who retired before 1997, will now be entitled to live here, along with their families."

Last month the former Absolutely Fabulous star sent "a blizzard of kisses" to Kent on Sunday and its readers for supporting her campaign for the soldiers currently based in Folkestone and Maidstone.

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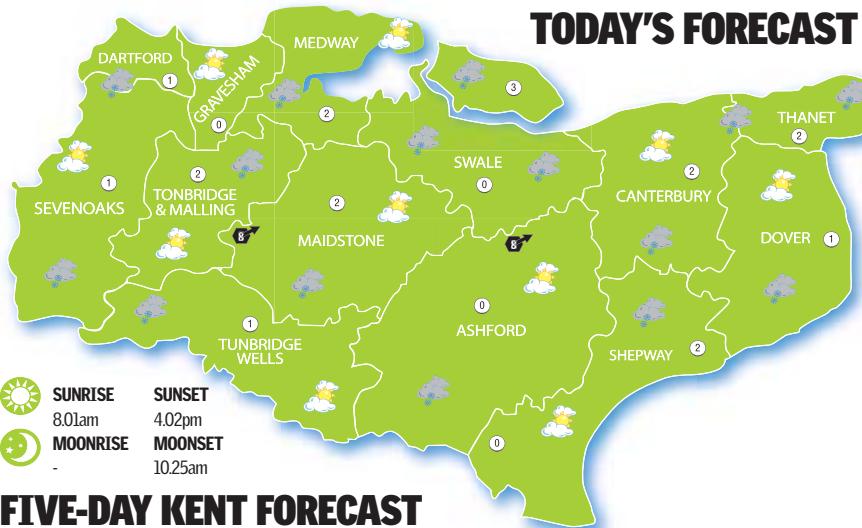
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Canterbury	2°C	2°C	1°C	1°C	1°C	Maidstone	3°C	2°C	1°C	1°C
Chatham	3°C	3°C	2°C	2°C	2°C	Ramsgate	2°C	2°C	1°C	1°C
Dartford	3°C	2°C	2°C	2°C	2°C	Rochester	3°C	3°C	2°C	2°C
Dover	3°C	1°C	1°C	1°C	2°C	Sevenoaks	2°C	0°C	0°C	0°C
Faversham	3°C	3°C	2°C	2°C	2°C	Sittingbourne	3°C	3°C	2°C	2°C
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	Sunday	6:35am	6.4m
Ramsgate	Saturday	6:39pm	4.2m
	Sunday	7:07am	4.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	6:48am	5.2m
	Sunday	7:59am	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	6:49am	4.9m
	Sunday	8:05am	4.7m

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Men shocked at old factory

A MASSIVE electric shock left two men in hospital after they allegedly tampered with a live power cable carrying 11,000 volts.

Two men were discovered following a loud bang at the disused Hyuck building near the Thanet Way in Whitstable just before midnight on Saturday, January 2.

One of the men, a 23 year old from Canterbury, was found with facial injuries and had to be treated at the specialist burns unit at East Grinstead Hospital.

The second man, a 22 year old from Canterbury, was taken to the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford with burns on his hands. Neither is in a life threatening condition.

Both men have been spoken to in hospital by police and have been bailed until January 14.

Officers are investigating a possible attempt to steal cable at the factory.

Icy conditions are rubbish

HOUSEHOLDERS will have to keep waiting for their rubbish to be picked up because of the icy conditions.

The council has stopped its fleet of waste collection vehicles going out because of the dangerous road conditions, meaning both landfill and recyclable waste will remain on the streets.

Collections were due to be held today to replace cancelled pick-ups on Friday, but with freezing conditions forecast all week it is unclear when it will be collected.

The council has asked homeowners to leave their waste out so that it can be picked up when conditions improve.

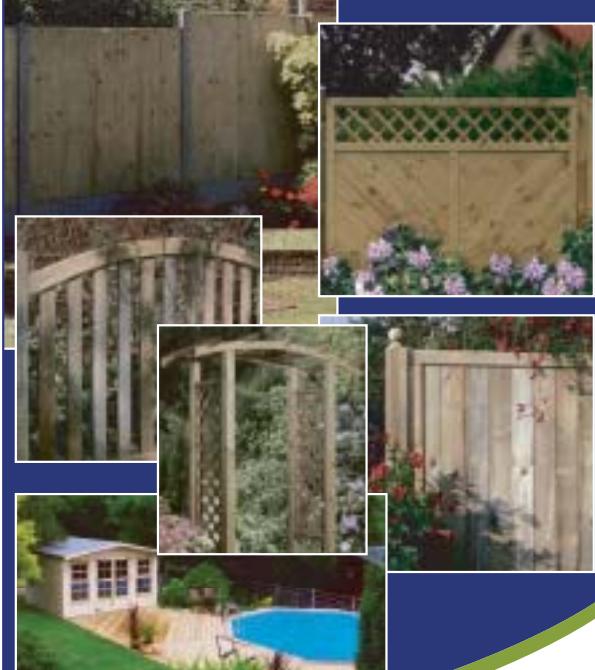


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Q & A

Jenny Armstrong talks to the new Marlowe Theatre's project manager from contractor ISG Jackson about how the building is taking shape, the challenges they are facing and the timescale of the project

Q How is work progressing?

A Work on the steel frame started in December, the builders are out there and the crane is going up, so it is going fine.

It will take several weeks before you will see the proper outline because of Christmas and it will take shape in the first few weeks of the New Year.

It won't take shape until quite a few months down the road. We have got the steel frame going up for most of January. We will be putting in pre-cast floor, metal decking and roofing systems will in February, March and early April.

Q What have you been doing so far?

A We've been working on substructures; foundations where we have been creating the bases and things that hold the steel frame up, so that we can bolt the steel frame down when it comes in. Then it has a sure footing for the remainder of the project.

Q What will we see next on the site?

A The steel frame will be the main thing, and then you will see the pre-cast concrete planks for the floors and also metal decking, which is another type of flooring.

The structure itself will be very open and visible for quite a few months.

Q At what stage will the theatre start looking like the architectural drawing?

A I wouldn't expect it to really start looking like that until the middle part of next year. Once it is closed in you can start to see the form and the walls and things like that.

From a construction point of view we try to keep it open for as long as possible to get access easily in from the outside to the middle and, as you work from the middle outwards, you start to close it in.

Q When will it be completely finished?

A Autumn 2011.

Q How is the Marlowe being put together?

A Obviously you use pre-fabrication where possible because with things like the steel frame it is very easy to do that, and with the floors as well it is easy to do that.

The metal roofing that is coming in is all pre-fabricated. But once you have got the big areas, you start having the more specialist bits – what we call the flashings and cappings – that start to make it look pretty and make it watertight.

Then the windows start going in and again it is a kit of parts. They come ready-made and are assembled and put together. Ideally you want to do as much fabrication as possible

away, and then bring it to site and put it together. But there are certain elements you just can't do that with. You can do pre-fabricated foundations but, because of the nature of the city centre site, some of the equipment you would need to use is not appropriate.

The foundation system selected for this site is basically, you put a big screw in the ground and pull out a core and put foundations all the way down and put concrete in.

Q Archaeologists found a Roman townhouse on the site. Has that caused problems?

A The archaeology has been exciting, because some of the things we have found have been very unusual to Canterbury, so it has been important. It has caused some challenges. We are working with the council to finish the project as near on time as we can.

Q Has the bad weather caused any problems?

A No. The rain causes problems on certain parts of the project, but not at the moment. It just makes it unpleasant. Rain and cold can cause problems but it depends on how prolonged it is and what stage you are at.

Q Will the project come in on budget?

A Of course it will be on budget!

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Police call to share Stack costs

Agencies urged to take responsibility

■ BY NICK AMES

POLICE leaders are calling on other agencies to help pay the £2 million needed to run Operation Stack instead of forcing Kent's taxpayers to foot the bill.

Operation Stack is implemented to sections of the M20, should ferries from the Port of Dover or the Channel Tunnel stop running – turning the motorway into a lorry park until services to Europe resumes.

Burden

The responsibility for Stack originally fell with Kent Police when it first ran on the A2 at Lydden in the 1980s, as the Highways Agency did not exist, but now the Kent Police Authority thinks it is time to share the burden.

Ann Barnes, Chair of the Authority, has called for a long-term solution for Stack after the bill for policing the foreign lorries during 2008/09 cost Kent taxpayers about £2million and each time takes up hundreds of hours of valuable police time.

Mrs Barnes said: "No one has taken any responsibility for Operation Stack. This is not a local problem, but a national one.

"Our officers should be in our communities



CLOSED: Operation Stack is enforced on parts of the M20 when cross-Channel ferry services are disrupted

and our neighbourhoods keeping people safe and doing what we pay them to do.

"I think it's shocking that police time is being spent babysitting foreign lorry drivers.

"It's grossly unfair that our police council taxpayers here in Kent have to pay for this.

But from a safety perspective we have no choice.

"Without Kent Police, Operation Stack would grind the county to a halt. The economic impact would be enormous."

Chief executive of the authority, Mark

Gilmartin, said: "We are not trying to shift the responsibility completely as that wouldn't fair at all and not want we want to do, but we need to look at other partner agencies getting involved."

"Kent Police needs to be involved as there is the safety issue, but it's not right to always use our front line resources, our officers should be in the community."

In response to the police authority's call for extra help to operate Stack, the Highways Agency says it has contributed and does not have the funds to give any more.

A Highways spokesman said: "The Highways Agency has made significant capital investment – around £10 million in the last four years – into Operation Stack including provision of the Quickchange Moveable Barrier, advance signing on approaches to junctions on the M20, CCTV, traffic officers and other associated costs."

The effect of Stack, when implemented, also hits companies financially.

The Federation of Small Businesses estimated that blockades at Calais port and the subsequent stoppage of crossings costs the UK haulage industry £1 million a day.

And with delays on deliveries and traffic problems caused by Stack, a further half a million daily is lost.

The latest implementation of Stack which took place last month follows three other occasions it has been brought in this year and 21 times last year – which includes the eight implementations for the Sea France strike between February 28 and March 15, last year.

Kent Council County's favoured option to deal with Stack is to open giant lorry parks to keep truckers of the M20 when the ports are closed.

Hauliers slow to pay £1.5m immigrant smuggling fines

TRUCK drivers are not being punished enough for smuggling illegal immigrants from Calais into the UK.

That is the conclusion of an inspection into the work carried out by the United Kingdom Borders Agency (UKBA).

The report was published by the agency's independent inspector John Vine.

He found that £1.5 million worth of fines were still to be collected by the agency from lorry companies whose vehicles had been found to contain illegal immigrants.

Under the law, introduced in 2000, haulage companies can be fined up to £4,000 and if they fail to pay they can have the vehicle impounded.

However, the report found that almost no

companies or drivers had been added to the agency's vehicle seizure list since September 2008.

In his report Mr Vine said: "We saw little effective leadership or accountability for the civil penalty process within the UKBA."

The inspectors blamed a lack of resources, poor management and a lack of targets that effectively allowed lorry companies to ignore the law.

Stowaways

The number of stowaways found in trucks in France has massively increased over the last three years.

In 2007 4,241 were found by UKBA staff, this had risen to 8,058 by September 2009.

The report said that although officers on the ground in Calais tried to do their best to carry out searches they lacked the equipment and facilities to do the job.

Mr Vine said: "We found there was a shortage of basic equipment available to staff, including torches, cameras and bolt-cutters.

"The accommodation at Calais was also very limited – in terms of both the space and facilities available for staff and customers."

If lorry drivers were caught with illegal immigrants in their trucks the penalty fine system was not acting as a deterrent.

A large backlog of cases had built up meaning that the agency would resort to sending out warning letters and not issue a fine because of lack of staff.

Mr Vine said that more vehicles should be impounded by the UKBA because in most cases the fine was paid within two days.

He concluded: "We found no evidence to show that quality reviews were undertaken in relation to the civil penalty scheme, either to identify opportunities for improvement or to ensure consistent application of the scheme."

Ashford MP and Conservative spokesman on immigration Damian Green said the report was another example of the chaos in the immigration system.

A spokesman for the UKBA said that it had recovered £250,000 of fines since April; it was improving its holding facilities in Calais and speeding up its processing service.

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Bravery of Scout trio is rewarded

THREE Scouts from across the county have received commendations for acts of bravery in emergency situations.

Andrew Hunt, 18, from Deal; Kirstie Greenslade, 17, from Thanet; and Hannah Walker, 15, from Sheppey, have been presented with awards for decisive action during three traumatic incidents last year.

All their actions helped to prevent others coming to harm.

Andrew was taking part in a Scout expedition to South Africa when an Italian fisherman got into difficulties. For his life-saving actions Andrew was awarded the Silver Cross.

The citation reads: "In recognition of his courage when he rescued a fisherman who had been swept out to sea by a rip tide and rough waves, whilst putting himself at considerable risk his actions were the result of this life-saving incident at Cape Vidal, South Africa, August 2009."

Kirstie, who is an Explorer Sea Scout with the 1st St Peters Group, used her training to rescue a man from the sea and was awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct.

■ BY NICK AMES

The citation reads: "In recognition of her prompt and appropriate action when she went to the rescue of a swimmer who was unconscious, she shouted for assistance while keeping his head above water and then helped get him to safety on June 28, 2009."

Hannah's swift action at Minster College, Sheppey, when a heating duct collapsed during a school exam, earned her the Gilt Cross.

The citation read: "In recognition of her bravery and quick thinking when she saw a ventilation duct falling from the ceiling during a school examination, she pushed a fellow pupil to safety and was injured herself as a result of her actions, but despite this offered first aid to others."

Scout officials said the trio acted out of instinct and put themselves at risk in order to save the lives of others.

Chief Scout and TV action man Bear Grylls said: "These Scouts have shown great bravery and their acts are an inspiration. Scouts train for these moments. I am so proud that when it mattered they showed great scouting spirit."

A fat lot of good that will do our feathered friends

PEOPLE are being urged not to put leftover fat from roast dinners out for the birds as it is extremely dangerous to our feathered friends.

Many believe turkey fat is as beneficial to wild birds as other fats such as lard and suet, says the RSPB. They pour it onto bird tables or mix it with seed, thinking it will give birds energy and nutrients – but the charity is warning it could kill them.

RSPB adviser Kirsti Peck said: "Using fat from roasting tins to feed to garden birds is a big no-no. Roasting tin fat will be mixed with lots of other juices which will go off very quickly and cause disease on bird tables."

Damage

"It could also damage birds' feathers, which are important for keeping them healthy and warm. And salt added to meat can have a devastating effect of its own."

"This time of year always brings out the suggestion that it's a good idea and people want to do all they can to help wildlife, but in reality they could be killing them with kindness."

Cooked turkey fat is completely unsuitable for birds. It remains soft even when cooled, meaning it could smear on birds' feathers and ruin their water-proofing and insulating qualities. Birds need clean, dry feathers to survive the cold and a layer of grease would make this virtually impossible.



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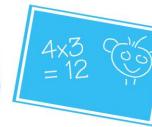
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A healthy success

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Their programme to help medical practitioners diagnose kidney disease early is already being used by GPs in Kent, Medway and Greater Manchester.

The team, which also involved members from an NHS Foundation Trust, came second in the national Innovation in Renal Medicine 2009 competition run by the Journal of Renal Medicine.

The team was awarded a £2,000 prize by Professor Sir Roy Calne, a pioneer in transplant medicine.

Honouring director

ACADEMY Award winner Thelma Schoonmaker Powell has unveiled two new murals dedicated to her husband, Kent-born film director Michael Powell.

The six-time academy award nominated editor visited Christchurch University's media department to unveil the murals and place plaques next to them. The ceremony took place in the Powell Building, named after her late husband.

Join the film club

FILMCLUB, a scheme whereby schools can have free access to thousands of films, is having free induction sessions for teachers in Canterbury.

Any state-funded school can sign up for free training on how to set up the club.

To sign up for one of the two sessions on January 13 in the Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, visit www.filmclub.org and click on 'I want to set up a club', or call 020 7288 4520. The meetings are at 12.2.30pm and at 4.15-6.30pm.



ENTERPRISING: Speakers Simon Askew and Rachel Fagg from Young Enterprise, with students from the Herne Bay High School and the Queen Elizabeth School, Faversham

Enterprising students make it their business to speak up

A BUSINESSMAN gave expert advice to students who are running a company in their school.

Stephen Askew, managing partner of Canterbury firm Burns Waring, gave a seminar on public speaking at Herne Bay High School.

This will help students participating in a Young Enterprise project where pupils have the opportunity to run a real business during the school year and take part in a national competition.

In order to help make their companies more successful the business education charity has organised seminars to support pupils with

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

specific business skills.

And they had one of the best with Mr Askew, a chartered accountant who has specialised in helping businesses improve and grow for the last 12 years. He is as a key note speaker and trainer throughout the UK, and also in Europe, Malaysia and Abu Dhabi.

Bonnie Tate, a teacher at Herne Bay High, said: "It was a fantastic event which gave students a real insight into the skills they needed to speak in public. It was a very enjoyable event which students really enjoyed."

Pupils from the school described Mr Askew

as "a very energetic and motivating speaker".

Mr Askew, who has spoken to a number of schools on presentation skills, also addressed pupils from Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Faversham.

Phil Larter, who teaches at the school, said: "Students could relate to the content and should feel inspired to take these very relevant skills away with them and make progress with their company."

Young Enterprise, which organised the event, is the UK's biggest enterprise education charity. For its year-long company programme which the Kent schools are involved with, pupils have to run a company and sell a product or service for a year.

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Parking hogs probably leave their towels on sunbeds, too

FORGET first come, first served. Parking in my street is one for all and all for one – and their friends, family and acquaintances.

Spaces in resident parking bays are sunloungers on a holiday resort. Cars are the towels, used by their owners to reserve spaces for their nearest and dearest. Unfortunately, cars aren't so easy to pick up and chuck away when the reservation lasts all day. Forget love thy neighbour. It has become a battle between households out there.

It started when some absent-minded resident left their car in the middle of a double bay while they were on holiday for two weeks. (I wonder what their towel etiquette was like.)

This eliminated a space for the rest of us – most annoying. Some residents left little notes on its windscreen, politely, and some not-so-politely, requesting the culprit considers their neighbours when parking in future. Fair

enough I suppose. However, the note-writers have now adopted this strategy and are using it to their own advantage.

They park deliberately in the middle of two car bays, or several feet before the end of a larger bay to save spaces for the other family cars.

One household is fortunate enough to have a garage and a drive. However, they still hog a space in the public parking bay all day, in order to keep a space for one of their other three cars. All the while their drive sits empty. They employ the same tactic for visitors, of which there are many.

I know parking is a problem. My heart sinks when I pull into my jam-packed road and am forced to park on the other side of the county instead. It's inconvenient for my husband as well, who has heavy tools to transport from his van to the house.

It's irritating, but the note-writers behind this new 'game' are more infuriating. Especially when you ask them gently if they

can move their car up, so you can park in the street you also pay your permit for, and they point blank refuse! What happened to the "consideration for your neighbours" they harped on about? Three words to the hypocritical note-writers: pot, kettle and black.

It's not the council's fault, but it is ironic that the price of permits continues to increase, while the actual spaces disappear.

At present I still have my principles and refuse to participate in this selfish activity. I don't have the audacity to rob spaces from my other neighbours, who face the same dilemma. Maybe I'm soft, but I don't want to enter into this battle for the bays. I prefer to believe in the illusion that some sort of neighbourhood camaraderie and respect still exists.

Needless to say, I won't be holidaying at the same time and on the same resort as any of the note-writers. I'd probably end up sunbathing on the road outside the hotel if they had their way. Then again, maybe not. That'd be jammed full with their hire cars.

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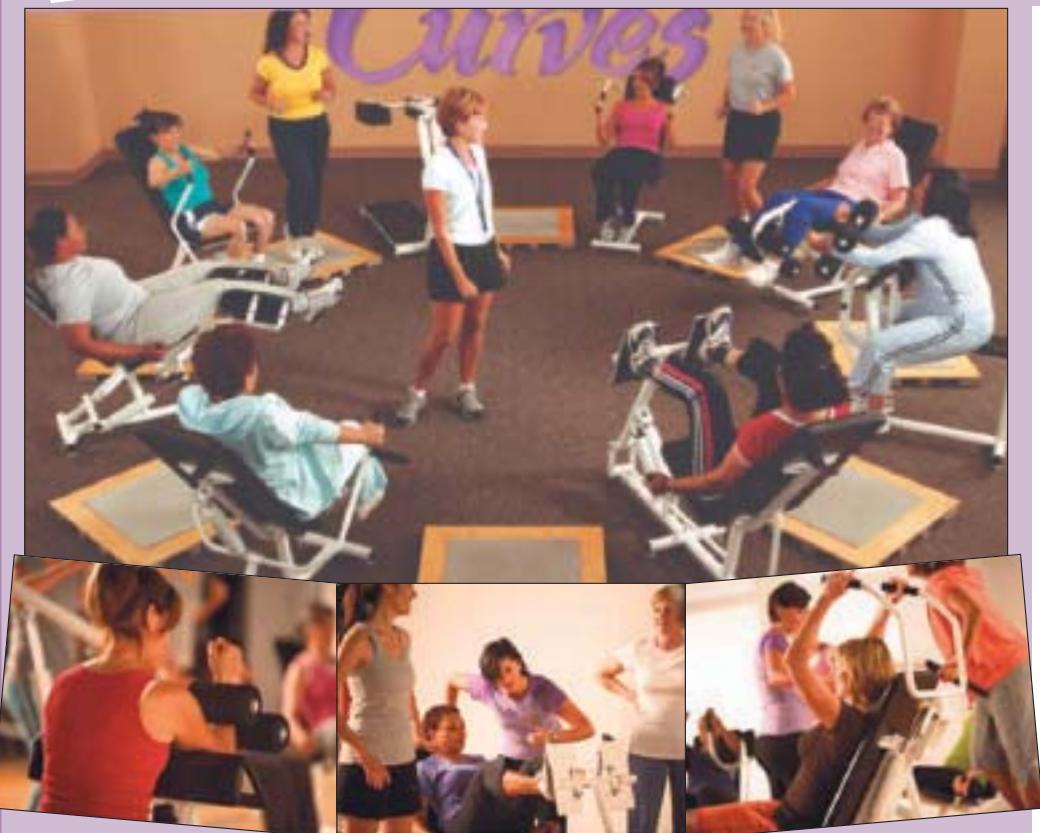
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TALK TIME

STELLA MILLEN

Stella Millen of Aire Trampoline Club talks about the club's future after it's move to permanent premises in Canterbury

How are the new Canterbury premises helping your club?

Aire Trampoline Club has moved from a school hall in Faversham to a unit on the Wincheap Estate, Canterbury. We moved our six Olympic-size trampolines and equipment in the middle of September and started sessions on September 28. Aire Trampoline Club now has a permanent trampoline centre where we offer quality coaching within a safe environment.

Who can take part in trampolining?

The club's coaches are qualified to teach trampolining for people aged from four to 64. Trampolining is a good form of exercise, whether done for recreation or to enter competitions. We aim to build self confidence and a sense of achievement through a structured coaching programme which teaches teamwork and respect.

We hold sessions Monday through to Friday from 4-9.30pm and Saturday morning 9am to 12.15pm. Our maximum capacity for these sessions is 640 people.

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YOUR LETTERS



Litter spoiling the city for everyone

It's time someone drew attention to the rubbish in the high street.

There is an obvious problem with waste collection in the city, combined with the drunken activities of irresponsible revellers, and the council should make sure businesses are disposing of rubbish promptly and efficiently.

This does spoil the city for residents and tourists alike.

Sam Curton
Canterbury

Heartless to evict tenant from home

How could the CDS co-operatives be so heartless and mean-spirited to evict vulnerable, mentally-ill tenant, Clive Rundle from his home because he was too paranoid to let workmen inside to replace windows? (Mentally ill man evicted from his home of 16 years, YourCanterbury, December 9).

It seems such a trivial reason to deprive him of his home for more than a decade and a half.

The executive of CDS co-opera-



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tives don't seem to have even the slightest comprehension of how frightening it can be for those with serious psychological disorders to allow strangers into their private space.

As Mr Rundle has been forced

to stay temporarily with his brother, would it not be more humane for the owners of the property in question to permit Mr Rundle to return to his house once work has been completed?

Clive Wilkins-Oppler, Canterbury



Cathedral window sale a great idea

It's a very good idea to 'sell' parts of the south oculus window, and I wish the cathedral authorities the best of luck with the project.

It is vital we preserve the window and the cathedral as a whole and plans like this, and the scheme to sponsor roof tiles are exactly what needs to be done.

The cathedral is part of the history and fabric of the city, and something we all appreciate either directly or indirectly.

Name and address supplied

Don't cut costs by cutting insurance

With shorter daylight hours, the opportunity for burglars has increased. Between April 08 and March 09, the incidence of burglary in a dwelling reached 395 in the local authority area of Canterbury, with a further 477 in other properties.

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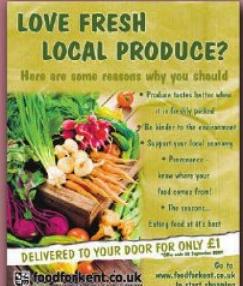
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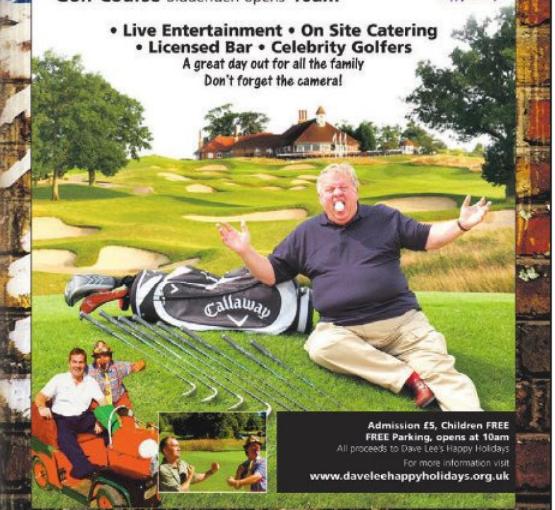


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could be leaving ourselves out of pocket.

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Katie



It's up to us to cut carbon emissions

Nice to see Canterbury council is taking climate change seriously

I find it odd that the council members feel they can ignore their own party line when it comes to signing up to the 10:10 agreement, with council leader John Gilbey saying he "doesn't know a lot about it."

We obviously cannot leave it to our elected representatives to lead the way when it comes to carbon reduction; it is up to us to take steps to reduce emissions.

Simon Little, Canterbury

We need solutions to immigration issues

Our first duty as human beings is to help others in need, if we can.

Fortunately, we have Kent Refugee Help to act on our behalf concerning asylum seekers based near Calais who are camping outside in winter.

But charity is not enough. We need more elaborate solutions to the illegal movements of people.

We need to ensure that all movements by people across borders are legal, fair and safe. We need to make sure that people are not trafficked into exploitation of any kind. And we need European countries to act together to achieve this.

But no one should under-estimate how difficult this will be to achieve, or how long it will take.

Unfortunately, there is no guarantee the Metropolitan Police unit dealing with trafficking will have its funding renewed. And the European Union policies which would lead towards common asylum and immigration policies are under-developed and under-funded.

If asylum seekers are to cease to be the scapegoats of those who refuse to see them as human beings, then our political leaders need to direct their attention and resources to the aim of

making all movements of people across borders legal, fair and safe.

Asylum seekers and stateless people justify our care, not our condemnation.

Steve Dawe, Green Party

So many children living in poverty

Alistair Darling's promise of free school meals for more children from low-income families is good news for the 50,000 children who will be lifted out of poverty by this measure.

But this still leaves 1.4 million children living in severe poverty, whose parents struggle to put food on the table. We should be clear that Mr Darling has done little to help them.

The announced increase in child benefit amounts to just 30 pence extra per week for every eldest child. The overall government target of lifting 650,000 children out of poverty next year is nowhere near being met.

We want all the political parties in the run-up to, and after next year's election, to prioritise these forgotten children. Free school meals are welcome – but so much more needs to be done to ensure the very poorest children are not left behind.

Fergus Drake, Save the Children's director of UK programmes



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More great theatre is on offer with the fun-filled Off Her Trolley, Animal Farm, the thrilling Gaslight, Hitchcockian thriller Séance and The Beauty Queen of Leenane, a darkly comic story about a middle-aged woman who finally finds love, much to her dependant mother's annoyance.

Music fans will be spoilt for choice as Five Star Swing, Phillip Dyson, the Tivoli Cafe Band, Ancora Duo, saxophonist Courtney Pine and many more pay visits to Tunbridge Wells.

Get ready to giggle when Jo Caulfield performs her latest show, Jo Caulfield Won't Shut Up, and former gossip columnist Bridget Christie has plenty of hilarious tales to relate in My Daily Mail Hell.

Jazz pianist Peter Gill and actor Andy Meller take the audience back into the 50s and 60s, to relive the comedy of great American satirists, Bob Newhart and Tom Lehrer.

The family entertainment programme includes Auntie Anita, Suzy Sprite and the Chocolate Thief, based on the popular Suzy Sprite stories. Other highlights include Around the World in Eighty Days, Three Favourite Tales, Igor and How the Koala Learnt to Hug.

Film buffs have the opportunity to indulge in fantastic cinema from around the world, such as The Hurt Locker (cert 15), a tense thriller in which bomb disposal experts attempt to stay alive in post-war Iraq. Other cinematic treats include Glorious 39, the award-winning The White Ribbon, The September Issue, Cracks, Tulpan, The Cove, The Men Who Stare At Goats and many more.

For full season listings pick up a brochure or visit www.trinitytheatre.net. Tickets can be booked online or by calling the box office on 01892 678678.



HIGHLIGHTS: Clockwise from above, Austen's Women, comedian Jo Caulfield, and big screen thriller The Hurt Locker



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AWARD-WINNING comedian David O'Doherty returns to Canterbury later this month with more music-based comedy.

Described as the Ryanair James Bond, this Irish comic has won over fans with his whimsy and knack for drawing humour out of simple ditties played on cheap 80s keyboards.

Choosing his instruments for their versatility, range and ability to fit into sports bags so that he does not get charged for excess baggage on flights, O'Doherty has created a quirky act that won him the If.Comedy Award at the 2008 Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

He originally dreamed of becoming a jazz pianist, but says his dreams were squashed due to a lack of tal-



ent. Faced with a career as a telemarketer, O'Doherty turned to comedy. He is also an actor, keen cyclist and author, with his latest literary project being a book called 100 Facts About Pandas.

The show, which is suitable for ages 14 and above, starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £12.

Book online at www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01227 769075.

EDDIE WALKERWednesday, January 13
Chimney Boy, Faversham

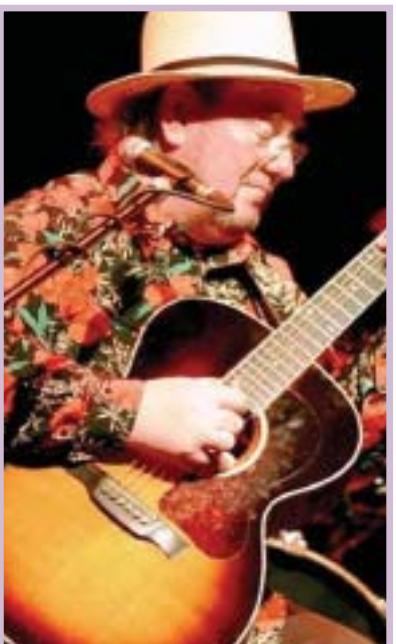
BORN and bred in the north east of England, Eddie Walker seems to have an eternal bond to the life and landscape.

He was drawn to folk and country music as a child and played his first paid gig at the age of 18 in 1967, supporting the likes of Tiny Tim and Long John Baldry in nightclubs. Walker then appeared at the Cambridge Folk Festival, where he had seen his heroes play in the past, and went on to win or nearly win a number of songwriting and music competitions.

His 1975 song North Road was resurrected in 2000 to celebrate the 175th birthday of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, prompting a critic to rave about the moving tune that reflected the changing face of railway towns.

North Road had won the Northumbria Trophy for Songwriting in 1975 and demonstrated that it had stood the test of time, still proving relevant to north eastern life a quarter of a century later.

The Faversham Folk Club concert starts at 8.30pm and tickets cost £7 for members or £8 for non-members. To find out more visit www.favershamfolkclub.net.

**DARA O'BRIAIN**New Season
Winter Gardens, Margate

A GIANT of comedy will among the top acts visiting Thanet over the next few months.

Irish comic Dara O'Briain has long been a highly respected stand-up, but he really became a household name as the acerbic host of Mock the Week. Fans are sure to enjoy an evening packed with hilarious stories and witty banter with the audience when he comes to Margate on March 5. Tickets for O'Briain's shows are always in high demand, so book now to avoid missing out on this comic treat.

Lostprophets will be rocking the Winter Gardens next month and there will be more entertainers making a big noise in the ring, when LDN Wrestling presents a night of British greats in action. Another Mock the Week favourite, Frankie Boyle, brings his unique brand of humour to Margate in April, followed by celebrity psychic Sally Morgan in May.

The Winter Gardens regularly plays host to the country's hottest acts – shows by JLS and Diversity have already sold out, so take a look at the website for full season listings.

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Friends join forces with their shared interest

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The exhibition at the Horsebridge Arts & Community Centre in Whitstable runs until January 12. For details see www.horsebridge-centre.org.uk or call 01227 281174.

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Dream getaways

Explore the world with these top destinations for 2010

MAKE a New Year's resolution to broaden your horizons by taking the trip of a lifetime this year.

According to the World Travel Guide, tourists will be flocking to enjoy the many diverse pleasures of 10 particular hotspots. So whether you yearn for long, relaxing days on a tranquil beach or the thrill of exploring jungles, mountains or cities, here are some tantalising suggestions for getting away from it all in 2010.

With its violent past now a distant memory, lush and green Colombia offers everything from the exciting cultural life of capital Bogotá to the hedonistic party atmosphere of Cali.

New Zealand tends to be on everyone's travel wish list, so why not make this the year that you discover its dramatic mountains, stunning beaches and abundance of outdoor activities, available all year round. Although New Zealand is firmly on the backpacking trail, the country offers many luxury options for those who like to see the wilderness in style.

From endangered animals to the world's highest mountain, Nepal is home to some of the planet's great wonders. Enjoy the frantic pace of life in Kathmandu, paraglide over the incredible landscape or, if you're feeling really adventurous, make the trek to Everest Base Camp and admire the towering majesty of this captivating mountain.

This year, South Africa will be at the centre of the sporting world when it hosts the 2010 World Cup, but football fans should not forget the beautiful landscapes, thriving cities and

breathtaking wildlife that are waiting to be discovered. India has always fascinated travellers from all over the world, but it takes its share of the sporting limelight this year with the Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

Divers and water babies will be in heaven in Mozambique, a tropical strip on the Indian Ocean whose waters reveal a fabulous world of gorgeous maritime wildlife. With good transport links to South Africa, it makes the ideal

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double break for those travelling for the World Cup.

Find out why Sweden is the European Green Capital with a visit to Stockholm, where life is substantially more eco-friendly and there is a wealth of great culture and even better food to enjoy.

In recent years Croatia has become a really

popular holiday destination, with bustling beach resorts and the fascinating walled city of Dubrovnik attracting even the rich and famous. Turkey is the place to be for galleries, festivals and other exciting events this year, as Istanbul is one of 2010's European Capitals of Culture.

For a truly glamorous getaway, find out why Abu Dhabi is becoming one of the world's top luxury holiday spots. For those with a big budget, a champagne lifestyle awaits in this most decadent and spectacular destination.

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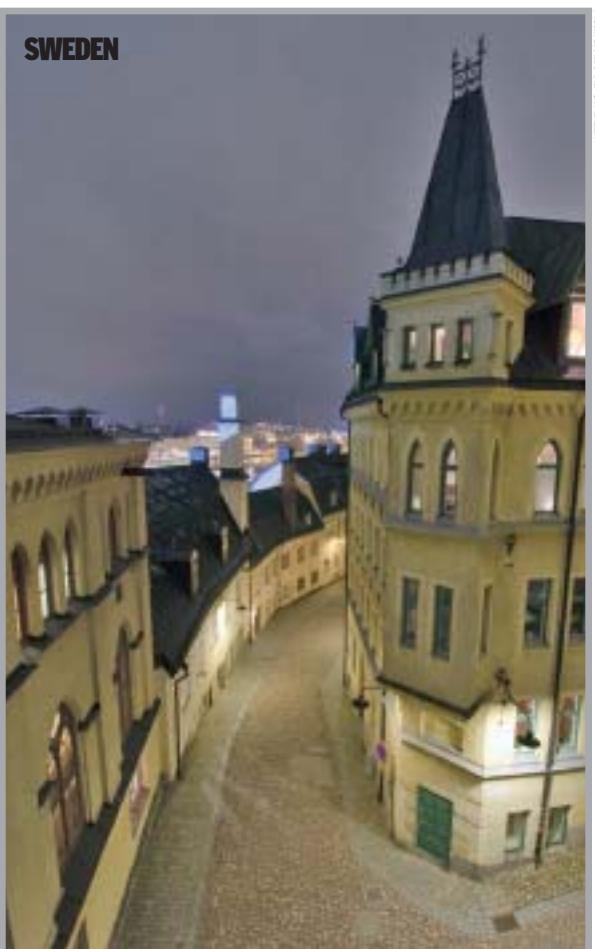
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There has been a huge rise in the amount of people volunteering for the BHF in the last year and the charity is calling on more generous people to make a New Year's resolution to give their time for a good cause.

For more information about volunteering opportunities call 0844 412 5000 or visit www.bhf.org.uk/shops.

Support the community when you buy locally

STOCK up on locally sourced foods at the new Woods Produce Store at The Pantiles in Tunbridge Wells.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Google set to move in on property market

GOOGLE is believed to be developing plans to launch a property portal in the UK that would compete with Rightmove.

According to analysts, talks are progressing with estate agents and listings on the new site could be free, unlike Rightmove's, with revenues generated from advertising.

Rightmove currently operates the UK's largest property portal and claims to advertise about 90 per cent of all homes for sale.

Rival website FindaProperty.com is predicting that 2010 will be a year of "consolidation rather than fireworks" for the UK housing market, with house price growth likely to be in the region of -2 per cent to +4 per cent.

The firm expects pent-up need for people to sell to affect the market in January and February, resulting in a 10 per cent surge in stock that could create further price dips across the UK.

FindaProperty director Michael O'Flynn ended the report by saying: "Confidence is on the rise as the UK is looking set to come out of recession in Q4 of this year."

Drop in prices a blow for retirement funds

BRITONS' reliance on property has left more than one million over-50s looking gloomily on their retirement prospects, according to a recent study.

According to a poll by insurer LV=, 12 per cent of homeowners aged 50 and over are relying on capital growth from their homes to part-fund their non-working years.

The boom years of the UK's housing market encouraged lower contributions to pension schemes in the belief that house prices would continue to rise.

The expectation continues, despite the average home having lost £27,250 in value over the past two years, with 29 per cent of 4,000 people questioned expecting prices to recover within five years.

Meanwhile, 17 per cent are proposing to improve their homes to adjust their losses and 21 per cent will save more for retirement.

LV= spokeswoman Vanessa Owen said: "In a matter of months millions of pre-retirees have seen both their property and pension fund values battered. Despite this, their confidence in the long-term value of bricks and mortar remains."



Estate agents feel the pressure in recession

■ BY NICK AMES

WHILE house prices may be on the rise due to a restricted supply of sellers, new figures show that one in six estate agencies has closed over the past year.

Research carried out by The Local Data Company across the UK's largest markets during the 12 months to October 2009 shows 142 outlets – 15.8 per cent – shut.

Chains of five units or more were worst hit, losing 54 outlets – 16.8 per cent – compared with 89 independents – 15.2 per cent.

Looking at the chains based on figures for the whole country, Halifax was the biggest casualty, shutting 30.6 per cent of its branches, going from 147 to 102.

Bairdstow remains the most dominant force, with 174 outlets compared with 218 in 2008, which is still a large drop of 20.2 per cent.

Savills closed just six of its 80 branches – a cut of 7.5 per cent.

James Moss is a director at Curzon Investment Property, one firm to have bucked the trend.

He said: "The closures are a direct result of the property crash, but the other huge problem we have is that people see estate agents more like window salesmen than doctors.

"With no mandatory licensing system in the UK, a murderer could get out of jail one day and become an estate agent the next.

"While the best estate agents are great, often they are few and far between and it's no wonder that many less reputable ones have closed.

"This means that overall standards are often low compared with America, Australia or France, where agents are fully licensed and held in high esteem.

"While various trade bodies have voluntary schemes, by definition these won't catch the crooks.

"Mandatory licensing of all estate agents is vital if we're to improve the quality of service and build the standing of the profession in the eyes of the public."



TOUGH TIMES: Estate agents have struggled in the downturn, while their industry also has an image problem

Tories pledge to axe unpopular HIPs

FIGURES from the Conservative Party claim that some two million house-sellers have so far stumped up a combined £657.6 million for Home Information Packs (HIPs).

The packs were phased in during 2007, just as the UK property market began to crumble, and critics claim their usefulness has remained in

question as they do not contain the one document a buyer most wants to see – a property survey.

However, the Tories claim that HIPs have raised £94 million for the Treasury in the form of VAT and are promising to get rid of the packs if they take office.

Only the need for an Energy Performance Certificate, current-

ly part of the HIP, would be maintained.

Shadow housing minister Grant Shapps said: "By imposing a £657.6 million burden on the housing market during the longest recession in living memory, Labour's short-sighted policy is milking the industry dry."

He added: "They should have

listened to the consumers, the industry and the Conservative Party and scrapped this discredited scheme before it even began."

Conservatives claim that the number of homes for sale remains at a record low and HIPs can be blamed for removing speculative vendors from the market.

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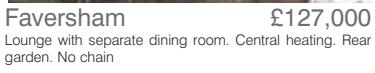
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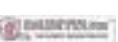
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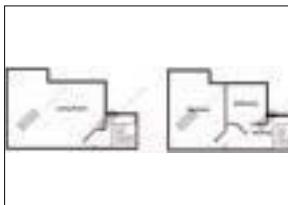


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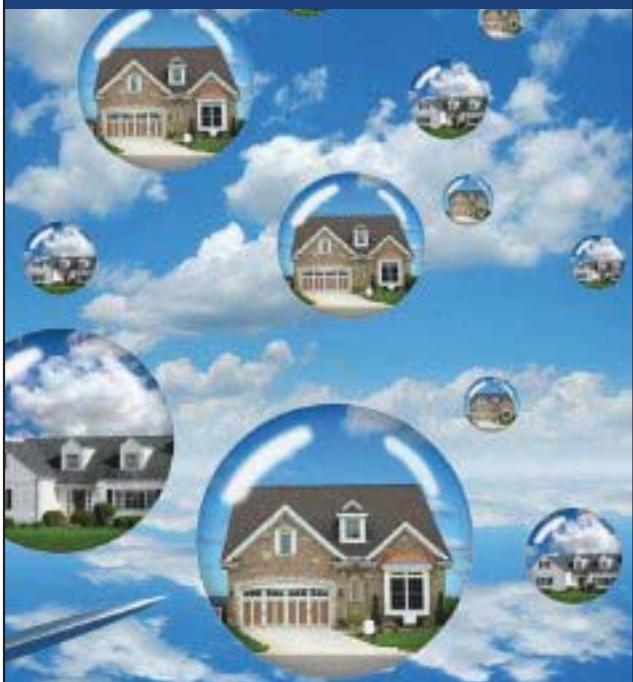
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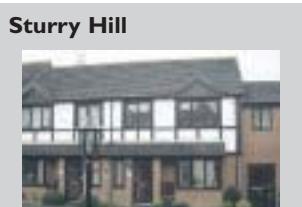
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MOTORS NEWS



Citroën delivers little touch of luxury with C3

IT'S a small car, but the Citroën C3 launched on January 15 represents a big statement by the increasingly confident French marque.

It delivers a larger feel for those who really are trading a family hatchback or something bigger in favour of this five-door supermini – the airy cabin is also aided by a panoramic front screen on all but the lowliest models (from £10,790).

This brings a stylish luxury touch to the C3 range and defines its more upmarket stance compared to its predecessor.



Venga is due here soon

KIA'S all-new and crisply styled Venga arrives soon to attack the Ford Fiesta sector.

Touted as a premium product, it has Honda Jazz-like baby MPV proportions with an unusually long wheelbase and high roofline for a big cabin.

Sliding rear seats fold flat to the floor for the van-like cargo capability preferred by supermini buyers.

Both the 75bhp 1.4-litre petrol and 115bhp 1.6-litre diesel powertrains will be available with Stop and Go technology to save fuel and emissions. Luxury options include a tilt/slide panoramic roof.



Mazda's sporty MPV 5 gets even better for '10

NEW Year changes for the sporty Mazda5 MPV have upgraded kit and the line-up, with more easily identifiable Takara and Furano models replacing the previous TS2 and Sport.

The '5' has always been both good to drive and versatile with sliding rear doors and easy-folding seating for seven at a pinch.

But the overhaul disguises a price hike of nearly £1,000 for the four petrol and two diesel models – now from £17,150 and £19,555 respectively.



QUICK OFF THE MARK: The new five-door Vauxhall Astra is a stunning all-rounder and includes innovative thinking about how people use storage in a typical family hatch

Astra delivers an upbeat plotline for the new year

ROAD TEST VAUXHALL ASTRA

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

of registrations, but 60 per cent of that goes to the company/fleet sector and Vauxhall wants to woo the more discerning and profitable private buyer – the Astra is right on the money there.

It drives as well as it looks; the previous car was no slouch, but Vauxhall delved into Britain's industrial past and used a Watts linkage for the rear of the chassis – another ingenious invention by 18th century steam pioneer James Watt.

This counters lateral pressures when cornering hard and makes the Astra one of the best handling cars in its sector.

Nimbleness is aided by a revitalised engine line-up including an eagerly awaited all-new 140PS (138bhp) 1.4-litre turbo petrol unit, replacing the conventional 1.8 unblown unit of the old car.

We've said it before, but lightweight yet punchy petrol engines could halt the switch to diesel as they begin to deliver more low down urge, better economy and lower emissions.

This engine (from £17,290) certainly sits well here and if you want more petrol power there is also a classy 180PS 1.6-litre Turbo (from £20,555) – the most powerful unit available for now. Astra prices start at £15,675.



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SCORE: Mike Melford's try got Canterbury back in the game



INDOORS: Canterbury eye a top-four finish

Ladies set sights on indoor finals

SECURING a place at the National Indoor Hockey Championships' finals weekend is the priority for Canterbury ladies this weekend.

The indoor season in the Premier Division is divided into two weekends of round robin games either side of the New Year, with the top four sides progressing to finals weekend at the end of this month.

Canterbury go into the second cluster of games this weekend firmly in contention for a top-four finish after an encouraging start to the competition last month. Despite losing their opening game to Leicester, victories against Ipswich, Clifton and Chelmsford leaves Canterbury third at the halfway stage.

The top nine ladies sides in the country return to Fleming Park in Eastleigh, Hampshire, this weekend to complete the group phase. Two wins from their four games should be enough to send Canterbury through to finals day, but they begin on Saturday with league leaders Slough, who have a 100 per cent record so far.

Olton & West Warwicks, without a point from their first four games, are next. The group stage is completed on Sunday with Canterbury facing Trojans and Bowdon Hightown, who are two of the sides capable of dislodging them from the top four.

Canterbury will be hoping to emulate their achievements from last season, when they won all four of their games on the second weekend to win the group. Their stay at finals weekend was short-lived though, with a tense 4-3 defeat to Bowdon in the semi-finals.

Should they finish in the top-four, this year's finale will be held at the Nottingham Arena on January 30-31.

Canterbury's men, who were relegated from the top flight last season, do not begin their Division One campaign until next weekend.

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League leaders prove too strong for Canterbury

Canterbury 13 Barking 17

CANTERBURY began the year with a spirited display in defeat as they pushed the league leaders all the way on Saturday.

The home side scored two tries in five second-half minutes to narrow the gap to a single point, but Barking held firm before a late drop goal gave them some degree of comfort.

Canterbury took the lead midway through the first-half with a drop goal from fly-half Phil Gibson. The advantage was short-lived as a defensive lapse from the city club gifted the visitors their first try.

RUGBY

The lead was extended five minutes before the interval when a spell of sustained pressure provoked a series of infringements from the Canterbury front row. The referee eventually lost patience and awarded Barking a penalty try, which put them 14-3 ahead.

The scoreline remained the same until the hour mark, when Mike Melford bulldozed his way past two tackles out wide to dive over. Gibson missed the conversion but Canterbury scored again shortly afterwards

when Ed Roche scored.

Gibson again missed, leaving Canterbury 14-13 down. Barking showed their mettle to survive the pressure and scored a drop goal in the dying minutes to close out a hard-fought victory.

On Sunday a much-changed Canterbury were knocked out of the Kent Cup by Sevenoaks. The London 2 South East side won 24-8 in difficult conditions at Merton Lane to progress to the third round.

Next up for Canterbury is a league trip to Shelford, who sit one place and six points below them in National 2 South's top half.

Bay come back from break on top form to defeat Wells

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Herne Bay 3

M Turner 28, D Lawrence 30, King 85



Tunbridge Wells 0



HERNE Bay awoke from their lengthy hibernation with no ill-effects as they swept past Tunbridge Wells to begin the New Year in style.

Goals from Michael Turner and Danny Lawrence in the space of three first-half minutes put the hosts in charge. Stuart King added gloss to the scoreline late on with a third as Bay ran out comfortable winners in their first competitive game in three weeks.

Manager Simon Halsey admitted he had spent the freezing festive period fretting about how to keep his players sharp and was relieved with the outcome.

He said: "With the Christmas period and a lot of them being young players, it's easy to forget about football and enjoy themselves. We had them in training a few times and played a friendly against Canterbury City, which was very helpful.

Delighted

"I was absolutely delighted with the way they played. I don't want to disrespect them but it was a very one-sided game – we dominated from the first minute to the last."

Skipper Luke Harvey's thigh strain was not risked, so Halsey started with the diminutive Jamie Turner and Rob Lawrence up front.

The game only went ahead thanks to some determined work from groundsman Charlie Turner and his efforts were quickly rewarded as the home side set about Tunbridge Wells. The visitors were on the back foot almost immediately and only some last-ditch defending kept Bay out.

Resistance was broken on 28 minutes. Simon Moore's cross was not dealt with and the ball broke to Michael Turner, who fired home. From the next attack Bay doubled their lead, again making the most of a poor clearance. This time Danny Lawrence received the ball on the edge of the box before volleying home with aplomb.

Rob Lawrence hit the woodwork with a powerful effort before the break and Sean Bremner saw a volley well saved by Wells' goalkeeper Michael Czanner ten minutes after the resumption.

Wells' task grew more difficult on 58 minutes when Steve Ashmore saw red for a challenge on Danny Lawrence. The game petered out until



OPENER: Michael Turner (blue and white) slots in Herne Bay's first goal of the year to send Simon Halsey's team on their way to a comfortable victory Picture: IGOR KUPCO

the introduction of King, who came off the bench to fire low past Czanner.

With leaders Faversham Town simultaneously slipping up at Greenwich Borough, Bay narrowed the gap to seven points with two games in hand. Before their next league game they are in cup action, starting at home to Holmesdale in the Kent Senior Trophy this Saturday.

Despite their good position in the league, Halsey rubbished any suggestion he would rotate his side.

He said: "I'm not into that at all, we'll pick out strongest available 16 whatever the competition."

Bay starting XI



Subs used: Gess (D Lawrence 60), Crofts (Marsden 79), King (R Lawrence 80)

Key backs Kent's plan to play 'home' game at Oval

CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT skipper Rob Key believes the club's decision to stage a Twenty20 home game at the Brit Oval in the summer will help the county's future recruitment of players.

Hosting the Kent Spitfires' T20 clash with old foes the Essex Eagles at the Oval in Surrey has predictably been met with a degree of scepticism from some of the club's members, but Key has urged all Kent supporters to look at the bigger picture.

The club hope the game, scheduled for July 9, will bring in extra revenue during the county's T20 campaign as they look to fill the 23,500 capacity ground in Kennington.

Key told this newspaper: "I think it's fantastic, it's obviously been in the pipeline for a few weeks and as captain I am aware of how important it is going to be from a financial point of view. For the last couple of years, like everywhere else, money has been hard to come by and to put out a decent team you need money as much as anything else and this could be a huge part of being able to compete."

"There is always a big jigsaw puzzle trying to make the finances meet with the quality of player you want, so this could make life a lot easier, not just for the team we put out next



FINANCE: Rob Key urges members to look at bigger picture

year, but what we are able to provide for the next generation of Kent players coming through."

For some Kent supporters, however, the move to stage cricket outside the county for the first time in the club's 168-year history is a further blow after Kent chiefs announced a 57 per cent hike in membership last month to allow for the inclusion of T20 cricket. Some of the club's members are hoping to get 100 names on a petition to call for a Special

General Meeting and the news that Kent will play a game in south London, instead of playing at Canterbury or one of the county's outgrounds, has had a mixed response.

Key, who signed a deal to stay at Kent at the end of last season, sympathises with supporters but hopes they will back the club in its ambitious attempts to progress from being a second tier county.

"In the past we have been able to put a half decent side out and that is down to the membership because we are one of the best supported clubs in the country," he said. "Without that we haven't got a great deal, but hopefully they can see this is a good way of supporting us even more and really making a massive difference. We have to look at the bigger picture – there are so many more positives than negatives to come out of this."

As the club embarks on an £8.2 million facelift for the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury, three other T20 fixtures will be played at the county's outgrounds. The Worsley Bridge Road ground in Beckenham will host fixtures against the Somerset Sabres and Surrey Brown Caps, while the hugely popular Nevill in Tunbridge Wells stages the opening game of Kent's T20 campaign against the Sussex Sharks.

Key said: "Taking the games around the county keeps it fresh. T20 is a great product, but like anything you can over kill it. We played at Tunbridge Wells last year and it was a sell out and when you play in front of a packed crowd it is a great feeling for the players."

FOOTBALL



EXPERIENCE: City goalkeeper Paul Hyde

Fairclough eyes a strong City finish

A TOP-four finish is the target for Canterbury City by the end of the season, according to manager Dave Fairclough.

After a hugely successful first two seasons since reforming, City's rapid ascent up the league pyramid has slowed in the Kent County League Premier Division. They have already lost more league games this season than in the two previous promotion campaigns put together, and head into the New Year seventh in the table.

Fairclough believes his side needed time to adapt to the higher standard and after three wins in their last four games, is sure of a strong finish to the season.

Aspire

He said: "I'm targeting the top-four, which would be a respectable position for our first season at this level. Clearly the ambition is to try and progress to the Kent League, we have to aspire to that."

"I think at the moment we're about six points down on what we would've liked by this stage. In the early part of the season we were playing good football but not getting an end product. Defences at this level are so much better organised to what we had been used to, but now we are looking to put them under pressure earlier, which is working."

The addition of experienced players such as veteran goalkeeper Paul Hyde has helped the squad adjust to the higher demands of the County League. City have also played several friendlies against Kent League sides throughout the season and were due to play at Hythe Town last night.

The wintry weather has kept the club out of action in recent weeks but they are due to return to league action on Saturday with a trip to second-bottom Orpington. The club's ladies did play last weekend, beating Island Eagles 10-0 in the first round of the League Cup.

Whitstable's good form put on ice over Christmas

FOOTBALL

WHITSTABLE Town were left cursing their luck more than most by the flurry of postponements over the festive period which have threatened to disrupt their improving form.

The Oystermen have played just once since winning at Godalming Town on December 12, with last Saturday's game with Ramsgate called off due to a frozen Belmont pitch. It came four days after their game with Sittingbourne was put back due to a waterlogged surface.

The interruptions mean Whitstable remain on the cusp of the bottom two despite playing well in recent weeks, including a draw at in-form Ramsgate on Boxing Day.

Manager Mark Munday said: "In the context of the division the postponement was the norm but we've been on a good run and we wanted to carry on as much as possible. But it's that time of year and everyone is used to it."

Next up for Whitstable is a trip to promotion hopefuls Croydon Athletic on Saturday. The Rams were among the favourites for the title in the summer and thrashed Whitstable when the sides met in August, but have struggled at times since.

Munday said: "They were unplayable that day, we did alright and got beat 5-0. But their players are at this level for a reason and the inconsistencies are still there. We'll be going there on a decent run of form, hopefully stifle them going forward and surprise them at the other end. We have got results at the better sides this season, so we'll be confident of getting something."



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FRUSTRATION: Whitstable manager Mark Munday

LEAGUE TABLES

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Folkestone Invicta	21	9	5	7	+19	50
2 Worthing	22	14	1	7	+17	43
3 Godalming Town	20	12	3	5	+15	39
4 Walton & Hersham	21	11	4	6	+7	37
5 Croydon Athletic	19	10	6	3	+21	36
6 Fleet Town	20	10	3	7	+11	33
7 Ramsgate	20	9	5	6	+7	32
8 Merstham	21	9	5	7	-1	32
9 Chatham Town	22	9	3	10	-1	30
10 Sittingbourne	18	8	4	6	+7	28
11 Burgess Hill Town	19	8	4	7	+2	28
12 Corinthian-Casuals	21	8	3	10	-3	27
13 Whyteleafe	21	8	2	11	+2	26
14 Dulwich Hamlet	20	6	8	6	0	26
15 Leatherhead	18	7	3	8	+4	24
16 Horsham YMCA	22	5	9	8	-4	24
17 Metropolitan Police	20	5	7	8	+3	24
18 Walton Casuals	20	6	4	10	-7	22
19 Chipstead	22	5	5	12	-14	20
20 Whitstable Town	21	5	2	14	-27	17
21 Eastbourne Town	22	3	7	12	-23	16
22 Ashford Town	18	2	5	11	-30	11

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Faversham Town	15	11	2	2	+24	35
2 Herne Bay	13	9	1	3	+13	28
3 Erith & Belvedere	14	9	0	5	+4	27
4 Sevenoaks Town	14	7	3	4	+6	24
5 Beckenham Town	13	7	1	5	+9	22
6 Greenwich Borough	14	6	3	5	0	21
7 Hythe Town	11	5	4	2	+16	19
8 Tunbridge Wells	15	4	7	4	0	19
9 Erith Town	11	5	3	3	+7	18
10 Sporting Bengal	14	5	3	6	+10	18
11 Deal Town	12	4	4	4	-4	16
12 Norton Sports	12	4	1	7	-5	13
13 Holmesdale	14	4	1	9	-6	13
14 Fisher	16	3	3	10	-18	12
15 Corinthian	13	2	3	8	-15	9
16 Lordwood	11	0	3	8	-21	3

KENT COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION ONE EAST

1 Stansfeld & Club	16	11	3	2	+15	36
2 Hollands & Blair	15	9	4	2	+16	31
3 Sutton Athletic	14	8	3	3	+10	27
4 Phoenix Sports	12	8	2	2	+11	26
5 Rusthall	15	8	1	6	+7	25
6 Fleet Leisure	14	7	4	3	+5	25
7 Canterbury City	14	7	1	6	+6	22
8 Bly Spartans	14	7	1	6	+2	22
9 Snodland	15	6	4	5	+1	22
10 Bearsted	13	4	5	4	0	17
11 Tonbridge Invicta	15	4	4	7	-4	16
12 Cray Valley (PM)	14	4	1	9	+1	13
13 Lewisham Borough	16	4	1	11	-15	13
14 Coney Hall	14	4	0	10	-10	12
15 Orpington	16	3	3	10	-18	12
16 Milton & Fulston United	15	3	1	11	-27	10

FIXTURES (Saturday): Ryman Division One South: Croydon Athletic v Whitstable Town; Kent Senior Trophy Quarter-final: Herne Bay v Holmesdale; Kent County League Premier Division: Orpington v Canterbury City

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